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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BALJIT ATHWAL, et al.,

CASE NO. 1:15-cv-00311-TLN-BAM

Plaintiffs,

**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO
CONSOLIDATE FOR PURPOSES OF
DISCOVERY**

v.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,

Defendants.

GEORGIA DEFILIPPO, et al.,

CASE NO. 1:18-cv-00496-TLN-BAM

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,

Defendants.

EDUARDO QUINTANAR, JR.

CASE NO. 1:18-cv-01403-TLN-BAM

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,

Defendants.

FRANK CARSON,

CASE NO. 1:20-cv-00747-TLN-BAM

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,

Defendants.

WALTER W. WELLS, et al.,

CASE NO. 1:20-cv-00770-TLN-BAM

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, et al.,

Defendants.

The parties submit the following Stipulation to Consolidate the above matters for purposes of discovery:

The above cases all arise out of the investigation into the murder of Korey Kauffman, and prosecution of criminal charges against each of the Plaintiffs.

On February 26, 2015, Plaintiffs Baljit Athwal, Navneet Athwal and Daljit Atwal filed the First-Filed Action against the County of Stanislaus, City of Turlock, City of Modesto, City of Ceres, the Stanislaus County Office of the District Attorney, Kirk Bunch, Jon Evers, Timothy Redd, Dale Lingerfelt, Steve Jacobson, Birgit Fladager, Galen Carroll, and Paul Edward Jones, asserting constitutional violations during Defendants' investigation of the murder of Korey Kauffman, including their arrest pursuant to warrant. The matter was stayed pending the resolution of the criminal proceedings. Following an acquittal on June 28, 2019, the stay was lifted and on September 26, 2019, plaintiffs sought leave to amend to add malicious prosecution claims, and that motion was granted in Document 85, on July 28, 2020.

On April 10, 2018, Plaintiffs Georgia DeFilippo and Christina DeFilippo filed an action against the County of Stanislaus, City of Turlock, City of Modesto, City of Ceres, Birgit Fladager, Marliisa

1 Ferreira, Kirk Bunch, Steve Jacobson, Dale Lingerfelt, Froilan Mariscal, Lloyd MacKinnon, Jon Evers,
2 Derek Perry, Cory Brown, Greg Jones, Timothy Redd, Kenneth Barringer and Frank Navarro, asserting
3 constitutional violations as arising from investigation of the murder of Korey Kauffman, including their
4 arrest pursuant to warrant, and malicious prosecution following the dismissal of the charges against
5 them. This case was stayed pending resolution of the criminal charges against others, which was lifted
6 following acquittals in June 2019. On May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs were granted leave to amend, and a First
7 Amended Complaint was filed. Defendants have moved to dismiss which is pending.

8 On October 11, 2018, Plaintiff Eduardo Quintanar Jr, filed an action against County of
9 Stanislaus, City of Modesto, Birgit Fladager, Marlissa Ferreira, Kirk Bunch, Steve Jacobson, Cory
10 Brown, and Jon Evers asserting constitutional violations as arising from investigation of the murder of
11 Korey Kauffman, including his arrest pursuant to warrant, and malicious prosecution following the
12 dismissal of the charges against him. This case was stayed pending resolution of the criminal charges
13 against others, which was lifted following acquittals in June 2019. Defendants moved to dismiss the
14 Complaint and in response, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint on May 18, 2020. Defendants
15 have filed a motion to dismiss which is currently pending.

16 On May 28, 2020, Plaintiff Frank Carson filed an action against County of Stanislaus, City of
17 Modesto, City of Ceres, Birgit Fladager, Marlissa Ferreira, David Harris, Kirk Bunch, Steve Jacobson,
18 Jon Evers, Derek Perry and Cory Brown, asserting constitutional violations as arising from investigation
19 of the murder of Korey Kauffman, including his arrest pursuant to warrant, and malicious prosecution
20 following the acquittal of the charges against him. Defendants have moved to dismiss which is pending.

21 On May 29, 2020, Plaintiffs Walter Wells and Scott McFarlane filed an action against County of
22 Stanislaus, City of Modesto, City of Ceres, the Stanislaus Office of District Attorney, Birgit Fladager,
23 Kirk Bunch, Steve Jacobson, Jon Evers, Dale Lingerfelt, Derek Perry and Cory Brown, asserting
24 constitutional violations as arising from investigation of the murder of Korey Kauffman, including his
25 arrest pursuant to warrant, and malicious prosecution following the dismissal of the charges against
26 them. Defendants have moved to dismiss which is pending.

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On June 17, 2020, the court related the above-captioned cases.

Plaintiffs and Defendants recognize and stipulate that these cases involve a common question of law or fact per Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 42. The cases concern the same parties, the same events, the same or similar claims, and the same or similar questions of law. Consolidating these related cases for purposes of discovery will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of the actions, streamline and economize pretrial proceeding and avoid unnecessary costs.

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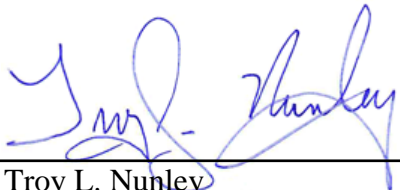
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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, these matters are consolidated for purposes of discovery.

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Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge